

'Pleasant, Cordial Session'

Dodd Meets Anderson

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) met columnist Jack Anderson at a closed deposition session Wednesday for the first time since Mr. Anderson and his associate, Drew Pearson, began a series of controversial columns about him.

"It was a pleasant, cordial session," Mr. Anderson said. "But tomorrow will be different. We won't be as gentle with him as the Senate Ethics Committee."

Sen. Dodd, under committee investigation of misconduct charges, underwent the first two hours of deposition-taking in his \$2 million libel suit against Messrs. Pearson and Anderson.

The deposition was taken in Sen. Dodd's suite in the Old Senate Office Building.

FLUNKED BAR EXAM

Sen. Dodd reportedly acknowledged that he had failed to pass bar examinations in Connecticut after his graduation from Yale Law School in 1933. He later passed bar exams in South Dakota while stationed there as an FBI agent. After serving as a prosecutor in the Nuremberg war trials, he was admitted to the Connecticut bar without an exam.

The Dodd session will continue Thursday and Friday. "I expect we'll be taking

depositions for months," Mr. Anderson said.

Sen. Dodd is the only witness from whom the defendants have sought depositions. Each side is entitled to take depositions for six days and then the other side has a chance.

REFUSED TO ANSWER

Sen. Dodd refused yesterday, on advice of counsel, to answer questions pertaining to his campaign finances; whether his son, Jeremy, was on his Senate payroll, and whether he owned a car or ever used one owned by a private business, the columnist said.

"He offered no objections to the questions but refused to answer them."

Sen. Dodd had no comment. An aide said the Senator felt the case "should not be tried in the press" and recalled that U.S. District Judge Alexander Holtzoff had ruled the depositions would be secret until filed in court.

Mr. Anderson said Sen. Dodd's attorney, John F. Sonnett, said the questions he advised the Senator not to answer were "beyond the scope of the law suit." (UPI)